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Re: Request for information as to
E-Mate Enterprises LLC
Your Ref.: S-01-004A

Dear Mr. Ohno:

This is to provide you with the results of our search for publicly available information regarding the two numbered inquiries in your letter of March 24, 2001.

1. We did not find any information regarding E-mate Enterprises LLC in the publicly available databases. In particular, we did not find any Dunn & Bradstreet report or other report regarding that company, and we did not find any record of licensing activity or patent litigation involving that company.

2. We did not find any information about Mark Bloomfield as an individual other than the attached listing of six (6) U.S. patents naming him as an inventor.

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Please let us know if you have additional
questions.

very truly yours,

Joseph M. Fitzpatrick

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